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further in view of U.S Patent Publication No. 2004/0030927 to Zuk. This rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Claims 1 and 13 recite, "for a given time window...extending over a configurable time period, computing a flow identifier." Claim 14 contains a similar recitation. With respect to this subject matter, the Office Action relies on Milliken. In particular, with respect to the recitation that the time window extends over a configurable time period, the Office Action relies on column 3, lines 11-21 of Milliken. However, here and elsewhere, Milliken does not disclose, teach or suggest the use of a time window that extends over a configurable time period.

Further, claims 1 and 13 recite, "a plurality of data structures, each associated to a respective time period." With respect to the subject matter, the Office Action relies on Zuk. However, Zuk does not contain a disclosure, teaching or suggesting of the subject matter quoted above.

Claims 3-8, 10-12 and 15-22 are allowable based at least on their dependence from claims 1 and 14, respectively, for at least the reasons stated above in connection with claim 1 and 14.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1, 3-8 and 10-22 as allegedly being unpatentable over Milliken in view of Ebata and further in view of Zuk be withdrawn.

In sections 25 and 26 on pages 10-11, the Office Action rejects claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Milliken in view of Ebata, further in view of Zuk,

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and further in view of "Hash based IP Traceback" Snoeren et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Claim 9 is allowable based at least on its dependence from claim 1 for at least the reasons stated above in connection with the rejection of claim 1.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 9 in sections 25 and 26 of the Office Action be withdrawn.

#### CONCLUSION

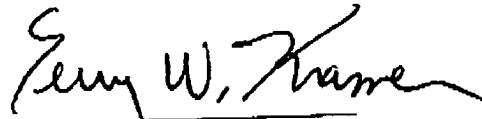
In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the correspondence attorney listed below at the telephone number listed below in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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